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Remarks

Due to the restriction requirement and the election of claims 1-10 for examination, only claims 1-10 are pending in the application; claims 11-22 as filed have been withdrawn from consideration.

In the Office action claims 3-7 and 9 and 10 were found to have allowable subject matter. The allowable subject matter of claim 3 has been added to amended claim 1. Claims 2, 3 and 8 have, therefore, been cancelled.

Claim 6 has been rewritten in independent form to combine the subject matter of claim 1 as originally filed and dependent claim 6 as originally filed. Claims 7, 9 and 10 remain dependent claims.

The undersigned submits that all claims are now in allowable form and favorable action is requested.

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